Petersburg, Alaska, January 4/13.

Rev. J. S. Clark,

Wrangell, Alaska.

Dear Brother:-

The deeds were placed in my hands yesterday, and after examining them I turned over the sum of eight hundred and twenty-nine dollars and ten cents ($829.10), being the sum necessary to cancel in full the church's indebtedness to the Pacific Coast and Norway Packing Company. As you will observe the deeds are warranty deeds, duly executed by the President and Secretary of the above-named company. Mr. Jones of Juneau was here a few days ago and went over the financial matters with me, down in the Company's office, and, like myself, he was satisfied that their bill rendered some time ago was the proper one. The window in question is not charged to the church. The bell was duly paid for out of the fund you referred to. Mrs. Thompson paid freight on bell and organ since I came here.

Wishing you and your good wife every blessing of the new year, I remain,

very truly yours,

Robert J. Driver.

P.S.

I don't know what it will cost to have these deeds recorded but am sending two dollars to be used that way.

R.J.D.

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Petersburg, Alaska, March 7/13.

Mr. H. C. Olin,

New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:-

The deeds and letter of instructions have come to my hand by way of Rev. Mr. Clark of Wrangell, and I will take up the matter of proper instruments of conveyance as soon as the manager returns from Seattle. The president lives in Portland, Oregon, and the secretary is in Seattle. Indications now point to an entire transfer of this company's holdings to another company. Mr. Adams was here yesterday and I talked the matter over with him, showing him the inclosed letter of instructions which Brother Clark sent me and the form of deed he desired me to use. I send this matter to you that you may at once understand how the present awkward situation arose. Mr. Clark is a lawyer, and, since he was the man who was assigned to the task of settling up the matters, I followed the very specific instructions, except in the character of the deeds. The company has secured patent to this town-site and can issue the regular warranty deed. Jones, whom I brought from Juneau at the expense of the local church that he might go over the company's account with me before the money should be paid, and I, thought it a queer combination which was affected by thus linking the two Boards in securing the property but we trusted to the lawyer's interpretation of your letter of instructions to him. We will give him a cold bath in the fine [redacted] water over at Sitka when we meet him at Presbytery. It just occurs to me that Dr. Holt of Portland might perhaps take this matter up with the president quite as advantagiously as anybody else. In any event it will be a tedious job, for the president and secretary are over three hundred miles apart and come together only at annual meetings or when some emergency in the company's affairs arises. I very much regret that the matter isn't in such shape that it might be

adjusted by the two Boards.

When you have examined the accompanying letter and form of deed please return them to me that I may put them away with my copies of the receipts etc etc which pertain to this plant's affairs. We are living in a foreign land - and enjoying it - but each little action has a meaning all its own to these good people, and a man must be prepared to give a reason for what he does with the care which is urged in preparing for the judgement day.

I am sure Mr. Adams' Alaska trip will bring to the Board much valuable assistance.

Very truly yours,

Robert J. Diven.

(COPY)

Wrangell, Alaska.

December 6th, 1912.

Dear Brother Diven:-

The Board returned the receipts and say they can not find the deed to the Manse lot. They expected me to go over and settle up with the Company, but I can not leave Mrs. Clark at present, as she is under treatment every day, and so I am sending you the papers. I think I sent you a full statement once before of what the Company claimed.

The extra window, the Bell, and freight on the Bell and organ, should not be on the bill. We had nothing to do with the mistake of the window and Mr. Lohren the bookkeeper who did the ordering, told me that he made the mistake and settled for it. The Bell and two freight bills should be paid out of the fund raised by the ladies, and put in Mrs. Boyce's hands for safe keeping. Mrs. Thompson can tell you all about that part. Now you will see by the Boards' letter that they and the Board of Church Erection want to be equal owners in the property, therefore it requires a joint deed which I have drafted, except the lines and distances which you can get from the company and get the president of the Company to sign the corporate name this way, "The Pacific Coast and Norway Packing Company" By- (John Jones)

Its President."

then the seal of the Corporation is to be impressed in the deed before a Notary, and I would advise that the deed be signed and delivered to you at the time the balance of the money is paid over to them. The figures they gave me when I left in May were $705.65 the amount of the large check, which you will try to get them to settle to. If they will not settle at that figure, then rather than have them make trouble, pay with the other check after seeing that the Bell etc., is settled for out of that bell fund.

When you get the deed signed and acknowledged send it over here to be recorded first of all, then it can be sent to the Board. If the Company says anything about the deed to the Manse lot, you can tell them that the two Boards want to hold the Manse and Church jointly, and the other deed is lost in some way, therefore this one to cover both lots; that if the other should be found, it does not matter as it was to the Home Mission Board anyway.

If I could go over and help you, I would gladly do so, but can not now.

With best wishes for your success in all these matters,

Sincerely yours,
(signed) J.S. Clark

P. S. -- I am enclosing receipts for payments on Manse and Church, so the parties in charge can see the payments made.

I notice that there is one receipt out of this bunch. It was for $308.05. You can find it on the books of the Company. It should have been in these receipts but it is an amount raised in Petersburg and paid into the Company's safe, and applied on the payment of the Church. Yes I find the receipt in here, it was sicking to another one.

(Be careful in dealing with Kildall or Boyce.)

September 4th, 1913.

In re Petersburg, Alaska.

Rev. Robert J. Diven,
Sitka, Alaska.

Dear Mr. Diven:-

In February 1911, this Board executed a bond for mortgage to our Board of Church Erection Fund for the sum of $400.00, covering the grant of that Board for like amount towards the cost of erecting the manse building at Petersburg, this Board making an agreement in connection with the said bond that as soon as a good title in fee simple to the premises on which the manse building is erected, we would immediately execute and deliver to the Board of Church Erection Fund a first mortgage on said manse property.

A like condition was made in connection with the Board of Church Erection Fund grant of $600.00 towards the cost of erecting the Petersburg Church building.

The property at Petersburg, as you are of course aware, covers Lot 4 and Lot 7 in Block 15 as shown by the official plat and survey of the Pacific Coast and Norway Packing Company's ground in Petersburg.

In order to carry out our agreement above referred to, we need to know if the manse occupies one of the above lots and the church the other. If so, which is which? Although you may not have the exact data in your possession, I am writing to you in the hope that you can help us out in this matter, so as to enable the Board to fulfill its agreement. If you are unable to state how the two lots are occupied or in the event that the two lots are occupied jointly by the two buildings, you are unable to give us the metes and bounds of each piece, showing the division line as between the church and manse, then can you give me the name of someone in Petersburg to whom we can write, in order to secure the desired information? It will of course, simplify the matter very much if each lot is separately occupied.

Of course, for the present, the simplest way out, would be to give the Church Erection Board the description of the two lots in both mortgages, which would answer their requirements, but on the other hand, should anything turn up in the future by which it is desired to sell either the church or parsonage building, we would be unable to give clear title under such circumstances, hence it is advisable to have the matter properly cared for at the outset.

Another matter. We have received a card addressed to "General Assembly Presbyteian Church, Philadelphia, Pa." on the printed form used by Carl A. Swanson, the Town Clerk of Petersburg, stating that the church and parsonage in Petersburg have been assessed for the sum of $1200.00 each. The notice of this assessment stated that the Common Council for the town would convene as a Board of Equalization and Revision on the 4th day of August 1913 at 8 o'clock p. m. and "any claims for the equalization or reduction of assessments should be presented to the Board in person or by agent." This postal was mailed in Petersburg on July 25th, manifestly a date too late to reach us, even if the card was properly

addressed.

Do you know why the church and parsonage have been placed on the town books as assessable property? This is the first instance that has occurred in Alaska in which this Board has ever been called upon to take up the question of taxes on its property.

To whom should we write regarding this assessment in order that the same may be cancelled? Do you know of any town law which permits the property of religious organizations to be assessed?

Any help that you can give me in connection with this matter also, will be greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Treasurer.

B/H

Sitka, Alaska, Sept. 20, 1913.

Dear Mr. Olin:-

The once-a-week boat came early this morning and its hour whistle is blowing for departure, but I will get some information off in reply to yours of the 4th inst.

The manse occupies lot 7 and the church lot 4. Manse faces west and church east. Each building is facing within a few feet - about eight feet - of the lot line or sidewalk. The lots are 100 X 50.

That tax proposition is due to the idiocy and bumptiousness of the group of red-rag socialists who harbor in Petersburg, of whom Carl A Swanson is one of the prime spirits - a shadow operating behind the scenes. I never had any trouble with them, because I let them alone. They insanely imagine that our denomination is making merchandise of the dear people in Petersburg in some way and that the property should be taxed. Judge Rivard of Petersburg can tell you if there is any law whereby the property can be forced to pay such levy. There is no cause for uneasiness over the matter. This is the first I had heard of it. Swanson and his bunch jumped another man's property in Petersburg last winter and began erecting a cooperative store on the spot. An injunction stopped the proceedings and the owner of the location is now building a dock out of the materials the socialist crowd gathered for their float etc etc. Dr. Adams has the measurements of the Petersburg manse and church.

Very truly,

Robert J. Diven.

P.S.
Judge DeArmond of Sitka just now says he knows of no law under which church property may be taxed. Have George Dorgan of Petersburg look into the matter and take it up with Judge Rivard over in Petersburg. (over)

Dwyer is thoroughly reliable - The judge may prove a bit foxy unless some one see him in person.

R. I. D.

In re Petersburg, Alaska. October 1st, 1913.

Rev. Ford C. Ottman, D.D., Cor. Sec'y.,

The Board of Church Erection,

Building.

Dear Dr. Ottman:-

We have just received definite information as to the particular plots of ground occupied by the church and manse buildings at Petersburg, Alaska.

The church is located on Lot 4, Block 15 as shown by the official plat and survey of the Pacific Coast and Norway Packing Company's ground in the municipality of Petersburg, Alaska.

The manse occupies Lot 7 in same block, etc.

We are therefore prepared to execute the usual mortgage for the grants made by your Board on the church and manse buildings of $600.00 and $400.00 respectively, thereby fulfilling our promise as contained in bond for mortgage given by this Board which you have on file.

Sincerely yours,

Treasurer.

B/H

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C. L. THOMPSON.

Presbyterian Home Missions

James H. Condit, D. D.,

General Missionary
for Alaska

REFER J. D.
" J. E. M.
" H. C. O.

On board Steamer Humboldt

Juneau, Alaska, November 20 1913

Rev Charles L. Thompson, D.D.,
156 Fifth Avenue, N.Y.

Dear Doctor Thompson:

On my way to Wrangell and Ketchikan I am fortunate in being delayed at Petersburg as our boat takes on a load of fish.

This has given me an opportunity to meet the Rev. T.K. Thorvilson, the Norwegian minister of whom I recently wrote as a possible Lutheran pastor for this field.

He comes under the auspices of the Norwegian Lutheran Synod, in response to a call from the Mission Board, and tells me that it is the purpose of the Synod to permanently occupy this field. He is an American born man and expects to preach both in Norwegian and English.

It would appear, therefore, that the Petersburg problem is near solution, if property transfer can be arranged, and Mr Thorvilson thought that his Synod would undoubtedly desire to take over our property.

Probably the transfer can best be arranged at headquarters. I will await instructions for local direction.

Sincerely. James H. Condit

December 13, 1913.

Rev. T. K. Thorvilson,

Petersburg, Alaska.

My dear Mr. Thorvilson:-

The Rev. James H. Condit, D.D., our general missionary for Alaska, has informed us that you are at work at Petersburg, having come there under the auspices of the Norwegian Lutheran Synod. Dr. Condit tells us that he understands from you it is the prupose of the Synod permanently to occupy the field.

We are glad to know that you are able to meet the needs of both the American and Norwegian populations, as we feel that in the hands of a man of such equipment the necessary church work can be maintained, and on a most satisfactory basis.

We are desirous therefore of taking up with the proper authorities the question of transferring to them other work opened there by the Presbyterian Church of the United States of American through the Board of Home Missions. May I have from you at your early convenience the name and address of the man to whom I should write regarding this matter? That I may properly address him, will you kindly give me the name of the ecclesiastical body which he serves, and his official position in it?

Hoping that the work may continue to prosper increasingly under your direction, and with the greetings of the season, I am

Fraternally,

Enclosure.

CM

December 16, 1913.

Rev. James H. Condit, D.D.,
4305 North Mullen Street,
Tacoma, Washington.

My dear Dr. Condit:-

Your letter of November twentieth came a fortnight since, indicating that Mr. Thorvilson of the Norwegian Lutheran Synod at Petersburg had indicated that his Synod would permanently occupy Petersburg as their field, and that the transfer can best be arranged at headquarters.

I have therefore written Mr. Thorvilson, with your letter as a basis, and asked him for the exact name of his body - as there are many divisions of the Lutheran Synods - and the name and address of the proper official with whom to take up the proposition for transferring from our Board to their Synod the work and the property at Petersburg. As soon as I hear from him I shall be glad to write to the secretary whose name he shall give.

When the transfer shall have been agreed upon the property interests will be taken care of in correspondence by Mr. Olin. I hope we shall not need to burden you much further in connection with the matter.

Last week brought your letter of December first with its interesting enclosures, (Mr. Pedersen's letter to you of November twentieth; the letter to the Board of Home Missions from the committee of the Skagway church, the list headed by Mr. G. W. Zinkon, and the copy of your letter to Mr. Zinkon acknowledging the paper).

The next meeting of our Board will not be held until in January. In the meantime however I suppose there is nothing for any of us to do but to accept the situation, count Mr. Pedersen as the Skagway pastor, and arrange for the turning over of our property to the Methodists.

Inquiry in Mr. Olin's office reveals the fact that the Board of Home Missions does not have the title to the Skagway property. It is probably held by a local board of trustees. Mr. Olin will take up with the Board of Church Erection the matter of their claim. After ascertaining fully the facts with reference to any reimbursement due the Church Erection Board in connection with turning over the property to the Methodist Church I will write to Mr. Minton, who would apparently be considered the chairman of the committee representing the church interests at Skagway.

We agree with you that it would not be advisable to "create any faction or friction" by claiming the right to dispose of the manse furnishings.

Regretting the situation as you do, but hoping it will work out successfully on the field, notwithstanding the injustice to the base of it, and wishing you a happy Christmas season with your family, I am

Fraternally,

CM

P. S. Let me acknowledge yours of December third regarding Edward Marsden at Ketchikan, and enclosing a copy of Governor Strong's recent report to the Secretary of the Interior regarding Metlakahtla. We are to have a conference with Dr. Young on Saturday, after which I will write you again.

Petersburg Alaska

January 24th, 1914.

Rev. James H. Condit, D.D.,

Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Dr. Condit:-

Referring to the matter of property at Petersburg, I beg to say that I am today writing the Rev. T. K. Thorvilson of Petersburg, who is acting as pastor of the Lutheran congregation there, a copy of which letter I am handing you herewith, together with a copy of his letter, to which ours is a reply.

You see the situation therefrom, and we will await Mr. Thorvilson's reply before taking any further steps. When the matter is ready to be consummated, it may perhaps seem wise for you to visit Petersburg and take the necessary steps. Of that we will write you later.

With all cordial regards,

Yours very truly,

Treasurer.

(Enclosures)

O/S

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Petersburg, Alaska, Jan. 5th, 1914

C. L. THOMPSON.
REFER J. D.
" J. E. M.
" H. C. O.

Rev. C. L. Thompson, D. D.,

New York.

Dear Sir:

Your favor in regard to the church property here is at hand, also one from Mr. Goudie. We have held a meeting and adopted the following resolution: "Resolved that the Petersburg Lutheran Church offers to buy the church and parsonage on the following terms: we pay the amount the Presbyterian Board of Home Missions has put into it, $2829.10, payable in 5 years, at 6 percent interest, interest payable annually in New York, and as much on the amount every year as we are able to collect." We have only 9 voting members, and some of them not too much interested, and the interest in church in the town seems at a low ebb. The fishing last summer was a failure, so there is no money among people. Our undertaking here is largely experimental. We hope to succeed in building up a congregation, but do not know yet, and because of these conditions we dare not promise any definite amount annually, but we could do what we can and pay some. As soon

as the fishing starts up and people get money. I will take a subscription list around and raise what I can and pay you, and will "scour" the town. It lacks a church building fund, church extension called, in our synod, but they have no money on hand, and several applications for loans from it, so we cannot hope to get any help there in the immediate future. However we will ourselves pay enough on the property every year to make it safe for you, and before the 5 years are up we expect to get help to pay up the balance of the $2829.10. This is the best we can do at present. The president of our synod is Prof. H. G. Stub, D.D., 806 Sheldon Ave., St. Paul, Minnesota, and I write him. — It is too bad they did not put a foundation under the church when they built it. It stands on posts on thin boxes now, and has settled a great deal, especially on the corner where the tower is, so it will cost quite a little to jack it up and get piles under it down to hard pan 6-7 feet down, and that ought to be done soon. If our proposition is satisfactory please send the agreement and the trustees will sign it and return it.

Yours truly,

T. K. Thorvilson.

January 24th, 1914.

Rev. T. K. Thorvilson,

Petersburg, Alaska.

My dear Sir:-

We have in hand your letter dated January 5th, addressed to the Secretary of this Board, Rev. Chas. L. Thompson, D.D., with regard to the Manse and Church property at Petersburg. We note your offer to take this property over, paying us therefor the amount which the same cost us, payments to be completed in five years, with interest at 6% upon deferred payments.

Your outline of the method of taking this property over and payments will, I think, be satisfactory to this Board. I shall, however, be obliged to defer a definite statement relative thereto, awaiting the next meeting of our Finance Committee and Board, which occur on the 11th and 13th of February.

Meantime, I think it would be wise for you to use your very best endeavors to raise all the cash possible as a payment down, as I think our Board will desire as much of this purchase price in cash as it is possible for you to raise.

I think our Board will require that the contract shall be given them for a deed, until such time as sufficient payments have been made to warrant us in giving title and taking back a first mortgage.

Will you, upon receipt of this letter, be kind enough to write me at once that I may receive it before the next meeting of our Finance Committee, February 11th, stating whether the suggestions above are agreeable to you, and whether it will be possible for you to raise a considerable amount of cash, and how much.

I trust that these suggestions may meet with your approval, and that it may be possible, through your local people, or through your Synod, to raise a substantial amount for a first payment.

In replying, will you be kind enough to state whom the contract for the deed shall be made to run to. If your congregation in Petersburg is an incorporated body, I suppose you will want the deed to stand in its name. If, on the contrary, it is not incorporated, very likely you will want your Synodical Society, if it is incorporated, to hold the title. Please to give us these particulars.

You have in your letter given us the name of the President of your Synod, namely, Prof. H. G. Stub, D.D., 806 Sheldon avenue, St. Paul. Do I understand that you wish us to correspond with him?

Awaiting your reply at your earliest convenience, I am

Yours very truly,

Treasurer.

Petersburg, Alaska, July 11th, 1914.

Mr. N. C. Alin,

New York.

Dear Sir:

Your favor arrived on Sunday, and I got it Monday morning — of course too late to reach you mail. It is reported that a boat will leave from the north same time to-day, so I will write. I called together Monday evening the voting members in town, and talked it over. They were all of the opinion that, at present, we can do no more than I reported in my letter to Mr. Thompson. There are just now few people in town, and those few have no money. One merchant told me that since early fall he had got out books $17000. When they have started fishing and have money I will raise what I can and pay you. On account of the contribution already received by you from the Petersburg people, and also on account of what we expect to get from them, it would hardly look fair to have the property deeded to our Synod. We

please have the papers made out to the Petersburg Evangelical Lutheran Church, and we prefer to get deed and give mortge. It have taken steps to be incorporated, and I have no doubt will have that in readiness before you can reach us with the papers. The church is sadly in need of some repairs, especially the tower, which leaks, and ought to have a zinc floor under the bell, so please make the transfer as early as you can. We don't feel like putting money into it before we know that it is ours. — I have organized a ladies aid, and orchestra and a male choir, and I am going to have them all work for the church. The outlook now is as good as could be expected. I preach Norwegian in the morning and English in the evening, and, as far as I can learn, everybody is satisfied and hopeful.

Yours truly,

T. K. Thorvidson,

In re Petersburg, Alaska.

March 16th, 1914.

Rev. T. K. Thorvilson,

Petersbgrg, Alaska.

My dear Sir:-

Your favor of February 11th was laid before the Finance Committee of this Board at its monthly meeting on the 11th instant, and was carefully considered.

As the result of that conference, I am taking the matter up with our General Missionary in Alaska, Rev. J. H. Condit, with the request that he shall visit Petersburg and go on with negotiations with your people relative to the transfer of the property.

Trusting that negotiations may eventuate in placing you in possession of the property on satisfactory terms, I am

Very cordially yours,

Treasurer.

O/S

(C o p y)

JUNEAU, ALASKA.

May 2, 1914.

Mr. H. C. Olin,
156 5th Avenue, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Olin:-

I have visited Petersburg and had a conference with the Lutheran minister, Rev. T. K. Thorvilson, setting forth the facts as set forth in your letter of March 16.

Mr. Thorvilson now understands and verbally assented to the following:

(1) Mr. Thorvilson to occupy the manse after August 1 at a rental of $15 per month until such time as the first payment of $500 is made.

(2) The Petersburg church to make the first payment as soon as possible, of $500. and at that time to receive a contract for a deed. First payment presumably this fall.

(3) Upon payment of this $500 church to execute a note for balance, $2329.10, interest at 6% on this or any balance remaining unpaid until entire indebtedness is met, under such terms as shall make clear the terms of contract and status of title.

(4) A deed to property shall be delivered when total payments on principal shall amount to $1500 with mortgage security for balance due given by church.

I have presented the above in written form and hope to obtain Mr. Thorvilson's signature to same so as to get it in shape for future action.

Mr. Thorvilson assured me that the money would certainly be forthcoming in time. The field is without money, at present, and will be until after fishing operations for the season. The expectation is that the organization will be able to pay the first $500. this fall.

Mr. Thorvilson says that his Synod will certainly take the indebtedness up just as soon as money now loaned out by ~~this~~ their church Extension Society is available. At present the fund (loan) is exhausted. He assures me that the delay is only temporary and that we may rest assured of final payment.

I suggested that if payment could not be made on the whole property, church and manse, that we could undoubtedly sell the manse to other parties but he insists that they will finally be able to pay for the whole plant and do not want to separate the two, manse and church. This can be held for future consideration in case payment is too long delayed.

In the mean time Mr. T. will take better care of the manse property than others would.

Regarding the Juneau native property, I am assured that the Masons will have some definite proposition to make shortly. I am anxious that some such adjustment may be effected soon as I am to leave here, according to present plans, for Brist ol Bay, about the first of June. Until there is something definite I cannot do much looking toward the establishment of our work elsewhere. I hope to be able to report soon something definite.

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Cordially yours,

(Signed) James H. Condit.

Petersburg, Alaska, May 2d 1914.

Dr. J. H. Condit,
Juneau.

My dear Sir:

Just received your telegram, and apologize for not answering your letter of Apr. 5th, at once. I did not know what to answer. I spoke with some of my members about it, and they said we cannot raise $500 at here this summer. They said, people have subscribed once for the building of the church, and it will be difficult, just now, to raise anything amount a second time. People have no money, because the fishing last season was a failure, and, even if it is a success this year, they are so behind, that there will be little inclination to do much for a thing they do not believe in, for that is the case with most of the outsiders, they are socialists or infidels, or both. And our congregation is only a handfull. As I wrote your Missionary Board in the winter, we will

do what we can, and I see much that will be, we cannot now tell — it depends on the success of the fishing this summer largely. Our Ladies' Aid is working faithfully, and will hold an auction in the fall, and if the fishermen have made money this summer, will do well, I think. When I go to our general synod meeting in June I will have a talk with our church authorities, and see if they cannot help us a little. But until then, and after we know what luck the fishermen have had this summer, I am utterly unable to say whether we can raise a vocal or. This man not be very satisfactory, but it is the best I can do, at present. Mr. Mr. Smith does not wish to continue to rent the parsonage, & will try and get a family, and board & room with them. Mrs. Robinson is at the dead bed of her father, and says she must take her mother with her to Winnipeg, and that would prevent her from coming out here at present.

Fraternally yours, J. A. Robinson.

(Copy)

May 6,1914

Rev. T.K.Thorvilson,

Petersburg,Alaska.

Dear Brother:

Replying to your letter of the 2nd inst would say that I am writing Dr.Blyth by this mail that he may continue in the manse if he so desires inasmuch as your family are not coming. I feel that this is only fair to him under the conditions.

In view of the great uncertainty of meeting payments on the church property I would renew my suggestion that it might be advisable for our board to dispose of the manse in order to recover at least a part of the amount invested in Petersburg leaving your local congregation to meet the church indebtedness alone for the present. The matter of manse could then be taken up later on. I feel that inasmuch as we have relinquished the field we should have the money invested to use in needy communities elsewhere. Do you not agree that this would be only fair? In case of such a sale the amount of the total indebtedness would be reduced by amount of sale of manse.

Sincerely Yours,

PRESBYTERIAN HOME MISSIONS

JAMES H. CONDIT, D. D., GENERAL MISSIONARY FOR ALASKA

JUNEAU, ALASKA.

May 6,1914

Mr.H.C.Olin,

156 5th Avenue,

New York.

Dear Mr.Olin:

I am enclosing herewith the latest communication from Rev Throvilson of Petersburg. I also attach my reply to same.

When in Petersburg Mr.Thorvilson intimated that his family would soon be coming to occupy the manse. Nowit appears that there is no immediate likelihood of this occurring.

As Dr.Blyth was planning to move from the manse in order to make way for the coming of Mr T's family and inasmuch as there is so much apparent uncertainty as to money matters I have written Mr Blyth that he might continue in the manse if he so desired. He is a desirable tennant.

Mr Torvilson's letter puts rather a discouraging face on the whole matter. As a matter of fact I think that he is not getting hold of the non-Lutheran element which is in the ~~minority~~ majority. The larger part are as he intimates not only of foreign(Norwegian)birth but are also little interested in church matters--many of them being socialists.

I have repeated, asyou will observe, my suggestion that the Board dispose of the manse property elsewhere--leaving the church building alone for the people to assume. In this manner the Boards ~~will~~ would realize a part of their investment and the people could take up the manse matter later. I do not know whether Mr Torvilson will approve of the suggestion but it seems to me to be the rational arrangement under present conditions.

Cordially, James H. Condit

May 13th, 1914.

Rev. James H. Condit, D.D.,

Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Dr. Condit:-

Replying to that part of your favor of the 2nd instant, with regard to the Petersburg property, I beg to say that your understanding and arrangement with Mr. Thorvilson is perfectly satisfactory and we trust that it may be possible to carry the transaction through on the lines laid down in your letter. When Mr. Thorvilson's signature has been obtained to the written statement we shall be glad to have a copy of the same for our files here.

We could hope that the Masons might arrive at some definite conclusion before your leaving for the Bristol Bay country, and perhaps before this time they have done so.

In another letter we have replied as to the Interpreter's salary matter.

With all cordial regards, believe me,

Sincerely yours,

Treasurer.

O/S

Petersburg, Alaska

May 16th, 1914.

Rev. J. H. Condit, D.D.,

Juneau,

Alaska.

Dear Dr. Condit:-

Yours of the 6th instant enclosing a communication from Mr. Thorvilson of Petersburg, and your reply thereto, both relative to the property there, is at hand. Thank you for same.

It does look rather discouraging in the light of Mr. Thorvilson's letters. Your procedure in the matter is exactly what it should have been and we hope Dr. Blyth will continue in the manse for the present.

The suggestion that the manse property should be disposed of other than to the Church is a good one. Is it possible that Dr. Blyth would want to purchase? It may be that you will be able to take this matter up with him.

The suggestion of Mr. Thorvilson in his letter that the people having subscribed once for the building would be loath to do so again, seems hardly appropriate to the situation, as our records show that the Board paid for the chapel and the manse entirely except for the donations of the lands by the Fisheries Company. I think we are right in this statement.

Meantime, of course, the Lutherans are in possession of the Church property and I suppose we may consider them tenants of will without payment of rental.

Your further advice after hearing from Mr. Thorvilson, we shall be glad to receive.

Very cordially yours,

Treasurer.

O/T

Petersburg Alaska.

May 19/1914

Mr.J.H.Cendit,

Juneau Alaska.

Dear Mr.Cendit,

Yours of May 14/at my hand.From your letter I take it YOu wish us to stay in the manse ,to take care of the plase we realize the same as you spoke when you werehere,it is better to have somebody live in the house than to have it vacant.

I may say the school here provides a place for theteachers to live free of rent.But itis not as desirable a place to live as the manse.So we will not move till we get orders from you to do so.We will discontinue paying rent from June first till further arrangments are made.THanking you for past favors yours

Yours Truly

H.A.Bl[illegible]th

May 30,1914

Dr.H.A.Blythe,

Petersburg,Alaska.

My dear Doctor Blythe:

Replying to your letter of the 19th inst. I would say that you are right as to the advisability of remaining in the house for the present,even without rent, until definite arrangements can be made. Our Board would prefer to have the house occupied and taken care of until a tenant can be secured.

Of course, the Board will wish to get what return it can out of the property, and I am going to ask you to do me a favor in acting as agent in getting a tenant at the same terms that you had,if possible. We do not want to rent to a poor tenant,one who would abuse the property or fail to pay the rent. I am sorry that we are to loose you as a tenant but of course the school provision eliminates the monthly rental expense which is an item. In case you do learn of any one who wants to rent he house, a person who is desirable and reliable, we would like to have it rented.

There is another possibility which I wish to suggest although at this time we are not in a position to speak definitely. It is possible that we may want to sell the manse property separate from the church. The Lutheran people have not been able,as yet, to raise anything toward purchasing our plant and do not seem to be in the way of doing so very soon. We feel that we ought to be getting some use of the investment in our own work and so I have suggested to Mr Thorvilson that it might be advisable for us to thus sell separately leaving the church property for the Lutheran people to pay for as they are able.

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I should be under obligation to you therefore if you would advise me if any opportunity to sell offers and also I should appreciate your opinion as to the price which we ought to ask for the manse and so much of the lot as belongs to it. Also, can you tell me how much ground belongs to the church property.

Cordially,

P.S. After June 7th address me at Seward for the summer.

J.H.C.

C.L. THOMPSON

PRESBYTERIAN HOME MISSIONS

JAMES H. CONDIT, D. D., GENERAL MISSIONARY FOR ALASKA

JUNEAU, ALASKA.

May 30,1914

Mr.H.C.Olin,

156 5th Avenue,

New York.

Dear Mr.Olin:

I am enclosing two recent communications with copies of my replies,for your consideration.

I think it advisable that Dr Blyth shall occupy the Petersburg manse,even without rent, for a time, rather than have it standing unoccupied. His sister will teach the Petersburg school this coming winter and he with his two sisters will live in the building provided by the government.

The letter from Dr.Palmer I cannot give light upon beyond that contained in the letter itself. I met Dr.Palmer a few days ago and he approached me on the subject of a bill due him for services rendered at Haines which he had referred to McLean without results. I advised him to submit the matter in writing and the letter enclosed is the result. Perhaps you have some information at the Woman's Board headquarters which will give light. The Doctor seems to be a very decent fellow and I suppose that the misunderstanding is due to mismanagement on the part of McLean.

Regarding the plea of Mr Thorvilson,Lutheran minister at Petersburg,that the people would be hard to approach in raising a fund for purchase of our property inasmuch as they had already contributed and used this as an argument against farther subscriptions I have learned through Rev. Mr. Clark of Wrangell who was in charge of the Petersburg building proposition that the following subscriptions were made and partially paid, as follows:

To building fund, subscribed,$373, paid $153.
Toward minister's salary " 135.05 " 114.
To organ fund " 87,organ cost $100

As affecting my absence this summer I would again call attention to the fact that I have engaged Miss Camille Wright,Box 187, Juneau,Alaska,to conduct the native work at Douglas and Juneau during the three months of my absence from Juneau. She is to receive $50 per month just as Mr.Osborn did and she is also to pay the interpreters--so she should receive a monthly check or checks for $75 for June,July,August. Beginning with September 1st I will again assume charge of the native work until a permanent pastor is secured. Miss Wright is to submit a monthly report to you of the receipts and expenditures of the mission. She should have three blank vouchers.

There will be no more income from the Social Hall as the school has moved out(public)and the native congregation will occupy the hall for church purposes for the present.

Cordially,

James H Condit

Petersburg Alaska

June 1/1914

Mr.J.H.Condet,

Juneau Alaska.

Dear Mr.Condit

Yours of May at my hand .I wish very much that I could talk to YOu,of the conditions here and the conditions wich I am labering under at the present time.

The manse property I like very much as a home .The school proposi tion is alright but we cannot have our piano there ,so the first of August we are ready to go along at the same rental as we wear paying.I may say the company have quite a fww houses here that are not being occup ied /so I dont think we could get the kind of a tenant that would give satisfaction what I mean is one that would take care of the place and pay the rent with out having some body look after them.

It might interest you to know I am thinking some of settleming down or at least we are /and if that would be the case I would be loo king for a piece of property like the manse.

I am going out to hot springs for two weeks .So I will state you my intentions. I will look around for a tenant and when i come back from hotspring I will look up and tell you the exact dimensions of the property and what some of the respensible men of the town think the property is worth.

Now Mr.Condit I dont want to but into any bodys businessbut unless there is some changes made here I wouldent be suprised if you folks would have the chirch property on your hands ,that is if you are depending on the people that are here now to take it up'Mr.Thorvelson

unaoubtedly is a good man but some times he goes up to preach when the chirch is not what you would call packed full and iI would hate to depend on him to raise money to buy bird seed for my canary.

Yours with best wishes

Homer Blyth

P.S. the chuch is never spoken of here but what some body says my I wish Mr Owen was here to send him the kindest regards of all the people

H.T.B.

Petersburg, Alaska, June 2d 1914.

Rev. L. H. Condit, D. D.,

Juneau.

My dear Sir:

I was readily in Juneau, but was unable to locate you. I called at the Presbyterian parsonage to find out when you returned, but found no one at home. Enclosed I return Mr. Clark's letter to you. In regard to selling the passenger you will have to do as you please. It is too early yet to say what we can do in raising money. The Petersburg fishermen have had fair success so far, and when they come in I will go for them". Our Central Synod this year will not be held till in October. Thanking you again for the trouble you have had in getting the subscription list, I am, Yours sincerely,

T. R. Robinson.

P.S.

You say about the subscription list: "Of course they should be used with discretion so as not to arouse antagonism". — In what way?

O. L. THOMPSON.

PRESBYTERIAN HOME MISSIONS

JAMES H. CONDIT, D. D., GENERAL MISSIONARY FOR ALASKA

JUNEAU, ALASKA.

June 6,1914

Mr. H. C. Olin,

156 5th Avenue,N.Y.

Dear Mr Olin:

I have the $1700 wired from N.Y. and also the authority to contract for the two buildings, also by wire. I leave here next Monday night and hope to have something definite regarding the contracts and also a report of expenditures on Social Hall to mail you before I leave. I plan to put things in such shape that the pastor of the white church,Mr Stevens, can act for the Board without drawing too heavily upon the strength and time necessary for the carrying on of his own work. Of this I will write on Monday.

I enclose two letters,with copies of my answers to same, bearing on the Petersburg situation. Upon my return if nothing has been done by the Lutheran people at Petersburg I shall be in favor of disposing of the manse to other than church purchasers,if such are available.

I have a letter from Dr.Myers, our elder commissioner from Alaska presbytery, telling of the Assembly action on Home Mission matters. It was but a meagre report but brought much joy and I sincerely hope and pray that the harmful agitation will now cease. I am anxiously awaiting the fuller report.

Cordially,

James H. Condit

June 6,1914

Rev. T.K.Thorvilson,

Petersburg,Alaska.

Dear Brother Thorvilson:

I am in receipt of your favor of the 2nd inst. I regret that you were unable to find my office which is in the Native Manse here and not far from the parsonage where you called.

With reference to using the subscription list with discretion I had in mind the time which has elapsed since the subscriptions were made and the fact that they are still unpaid in so large a proportion. I would anticipate trouble in an attempt to collect the subscriptions unless it were gone about in a diplomatic way. I also had in mind that if it were myself,personally, who had the matter in hand, I should probably prefer to make up an entirely new list without reference to the old one. I sent you the list as a reply to your suggestion that some of the people thought that having once subscribed they should not be asked to subscribe again. The list indicates very clearly that very little money has been paid by Petersburg,thus far,for the church property,even of that which was subscribed. The Presbyterian Boards have paid practically all of the amount excepting the donated lots. I trust that this makes clear my suggestion that the list be used with discretion.

I would suggest, if you will permit, that the question of disposing of the manse to other purchaser than the Lutheran congregation is not so much a question of pleasure with our Board as of necessity. It certainly would not be expected that we should wait indefinitely for the initial payment on the property. It is the desire of the Board that the money be reinvested in our own work as speedily as

possible.

I may say, however, that we have no disposition to unduly urge our claim. I am just leaving for western Alaska in the interest of our work to be gone until about September first. Upon my return I will be pleased to learn that the Petersburg people are in a position to do something toward a payment upon the property. If conditions still make it impossible for the congregation to assume so large a burden as the purchase of both manse and church it will doubtless seem advisable to dispose of the former elsewhere leaving the present occupants of the church the burden of the latter alone. After that provision is made the question of manse can be taken up as an entirely new enterprise.

Yours Fraternally,

June 6,1914

Dr.H.A.Blyth,

Petersburg,

Alaska.

My dear Dr.Blyth:

I am just on the eve of leaving for Nushagak and the Bristol Bay district and expect to be gone until late in the summer or early in the fall.

It is a satisfaction to know that you will continue on in the manse as heretofore.

It is also certainly a pleasure to know that you are contemplating setting up a home for yourself. I congratulate you.

Let me suggest that you simply continue as heretofore until fall and upon my return I will again write you when we will know more definitely what the Lutheran people will be able to do. You know I would not want to put any obstacle in the way of the purchase of the entire property by Mr Thorvilson and his congregation but naturally I feel that our church should, in some reasonable period, receive some compensation for its property. Thus far we have not had a dollar in payment although our Board has invested in the two properties over $2800 directly from its treasury. We turned over the property to the Lutheran Church on the basis of receiving the actual amount invested by our mission boards. We asked nothing for the lots or money raised locally but only the sum advanced from our New York treasury.

I write thus fully that you may understand the situation from our point of view.

It is probable that the manse will be for sale to whoever will offer a reasonable sum, in the fall. I should like to have that understanding with you at present.

In the mean time I will be pleased to learn at that time that Mr Thorvilson is in a position to negotiate in some practical way for the purchase of the entire property. If not,the way will be open for the purchase of the manse,leaving him the burden of raising the amount due on the church alone.

Cordially Yours,

Petersburg,Alaska,Nov.12th 1914.

The Board of Home Mission,
156, 5th Ave.
New York.

Dear Sir:-

The City of Petersburg are putting in a water system of their own,Which has been a big effort on the part of the City.

In order to put the water in the ~~house~~ Manse, there will have to be a lateral run across two vacant lots,

I am resuming the responsibility of putting the water in the house, and will deduct same from rent, I will supertend the work my self, making no charges for the same,and have it done as cheaply as possible.

My reasons for taking these steps is Dr.Condit had me assure him,I would take the same care of the pooperty as if it was my own.

You have two advantages in this,one if you send a man he e, the water would have to be put in with a greater cost than now,

The other if you want to sell the property,the water would be a consideration to the purchaser.

Yours truly,

H.A. Blyth

P.S. In no consideration will the cost~~x~~ of putting the water in the house be more than ($35.00).

H.A.B.

(Copy)

5013 10th Ave.,N.E.,Seattle.
December 3,1914.

Dr. H.A.Blythe,
Petersburg,Alaska.

My dear Doctor Blythe:

I am in receipt of a communication from our Treasurer in N.Y.,Mr.H.C.Olin, enclosing a copy of a communication from you with respect to the installation of city water in our manse at Petersburg and referring the matter to me for recommendation.

I approve of the plan by which the rent is to be applied to this purpose up to the amount of $5b,if necessary,which is the outside figure of your estimate. The improvement will add materially to the value of the property.

We appreciate your offer to supervise the installation without cost to the Board. Also your interest in caring for the property.

I am in Seattle for medical treatment but hope to be able to return to my work in about three weeks and will then plan to be in Petersburg for a time in order to look up our property matters there.

With the greetings of the season,I am

Cordially Yours,

In re Petersburg, Alaska.

December 4th, 1914.

Rev. J. H. Condit, D.D.,
5612 - 10th avenue N.E.,
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Dr. Condit:-

Here is a copy of a letter just received from Mr. Jacob Johnson, who is evidently Vice President of the Bank of Petersburg, and Manager of the firm of Johnson & Hadland Packing Company of the same town, in whichbyou will see he makes a straight offer of $700. cash for the Manse at Petersburg.

I have written him that we will ask your advice with regard to the matter, after which a definite reply will be made.

Will you kindly express yourself as to the offer?

Thanking you, I am

Very truly yours,

Treasurer.

(Enclosure)

O/S

In re Petersburg, Alaska.

December 4th, 1914.

Mr. Jacob Johnson,

Petersburg, Alaska.

My dear Sir:-

Your favor of the 20th ultimo, making an offer of $700. cash for the house now owned by this Board, and previously used as a Manse for our Church, is at hand.

In reply I beg to say this matter will be referred to our General Missionary in Alaska, Rev. J. H. Condit, D.D., for his opinion of the offer. After hearing from Dr. Condit definite action will be taken and reply made to your offer.

Very truly yours,

Treasurer.

O/S

THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS
OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U. S. A.

HEADQUARTERS
No. 156 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

See Reverse Side For Reply

TERRITORY OF ALASKA
JAMES H. CONDIT, D. D., GENERAL MISSIONARY
JUNEAU, ALASKA
5612 10th Ave., N.E., Seattle

December ed, 1914.

Mr.H.C.Olin,
156 5th Ave.,N.Y.

Dear Mr.Olin:

Two matters have been suggested by your recent letters,as follows:

Nov.18, In re installation of water in Petersburg manse. I enclose herewith a copy of my letter to Dr Blythe.

Nov. 20,In re Haines leases:
A recent letter from Judge Gunnison indicates that he was just leaving for Ketchikan in accord with court duties and that he would be absent for some time from Juneau and would expect to make no farther attempt to adjust Haines matters until my return.

I have just written him that the doctor encourages me to believe that I may have a discharge in three weeks and that I will then take up the lease matter with him in hopes that we may make final adjustment.

In his letter the judge says with respect to his conversation with you regarding the matter"He told me that there is no one here at the present time who has the authority to execute the leases and bind the Board,and he seemed loath to have the Board execute a power of attorney to any one of the local representatives. It was his desire to execute a joint and several power of attorney to you and to me,that is to authorize either of us to execute papers of that character."

I had supposed that such authority had been given to the Judge. Before any definite action can be taken looking toward a legal adjustment of the matter some one,it seems to me,should be given authority to act as the agent of the Board in order to facilitate the business. Perhaps that has already had the attention of the Board in the arrangement suggested by the judge,viz, "a joint and several power of attorney"

Will you kindly advise me as to this before my return to Juneau,presumably in three weeks,in order that I may push the business through to a settlement promptly. As you suggest we will submit the proposed form of lease for formal action of the Board as soon as possible after my return.

Sincerely Yours,

James H. Condit

December 9th, 1914.

Rev. J. S. Condit, D.D.,
5612 - 10th avenue N.E.,
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Dr. Condit:-

Yours of the 3rd instant, in reply to ours of the 18th and 20th, is at hand. Thank you for the copy of the letter written to Mr. Blythe of Petersburg, with especial reference to the installation of city water at the Manse.

We note what is said with regard to Judge Gunnison, and that you and he will go over this matter as soon as you return, and make us a report thereupon.

With regard to the power of attorney, and Judge Gunnison's connection with the Board in Juneau, let me say that under the law every corporation is required to have a resident agent within the territory. Rev. L. F. Jones had for a long time been that agent. Upon your recommendation, I think it was, however, upon Mr. Jones' departure, Judge Gunnison was made the agent, but not with a general power of attorney. When this matter of a Joint Power of Attorney was brought before the Finance Committee, at its last meeting, it was voted to await the form of power which Judge Gunnison should submit, and I am still waiting for that form before bringing the matter to the attention of the Committee again. The next meeting of the Committee comes on the 16th instant, and I hope it will be before us at that time.

Awaiting further report upon the whole situation at Haines after you shall have returned, and sincerely hoping that you will have been thoroughly recovered by the time specified and ready to work comfortably again, I am, with all best wishes of the Season,

Yours Sincerely,

Treasurer.

O/S

THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS
OF THE
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HEADQUARTERS
No. 156 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

TERRITORY OF ALASKA
JAMES H. CONDIT, D. D., GENERAL MISSIONARY
JUNEAU, ALASKA
5612 10th Ave.N.E., Seattle.
December 11, 1914.

Mr.H.C.Olin,
156 5th Ave., N.Y.

Dear Mr Olin:

Replying to your letter of the 20th inst would say that I consider the offer of Mr Johnson, of the Petersburg bank, for our manse property there as too small.

Some time before leaving Juneau to come here I had a letter from Mr.Duryea of Petersburg, who is about the only Presbyterian in the place, in which he said that there was a rumor that the Presbyterians were going to sell the manse for $700 and expressing surprise that it should be offered so low.

I would advise against accepting this offer at least at the present. In the mean time I have written to Mr Duryea and also to Dr Blyth, who as you know is in the house, for definite information as to the present value of the property. I enclose copies of my letters. As soon as I hear from them I will acquaint you with their reports.

I feel that the Lutherans have pretty thoroughly defaulted upon their proposition in the Petersburg property matter. The pastor of the Lutheran church there recently passed through Seattle and gave an address on his Alaskan experiences. Among other things the paper reported him as saying that the good people of Petersburg had built him a manse and church!

It is an embarrassing situation since on the one hand is the fact that the town is Lutheran and should be in Lutheran religious relation. On the other hand we have built church and manse and thus not only have the property investment but also the corresponding responsibility for the field.

I hope to return to Alaska soon after Christmas and as soon as the Haines matter is disposed of will visit Petersburg and check up with the Lutheram brother. It would please me to discover that his representations here in Seattle as to his success in the north and his hopes for the future are based upon the securing of funds from the headquarters of his church which he has just visited.

Cordially Yours,

James H. Condit

Copy

5612 10th Ave., N.E. Seattle,
December 11, 1914.

Mr. Duryea,
Petersburg,
Alaska.

My dear Mr Duryea:

Our Board in N.Y. has received an offer for the manse in Petersburg from Jacob Johnson, as follows:

"I will pay $700 cash for the house but no more, and providing I can take possession of it at once"

This letter has been referred to me for recommendation and I am suggesting to the Board that we hold the offer until definite information can be secured as to the value of the property. My own judgement is that this offer is much below what we should receive and if I recall correctly your sentiment along the same line as expressed in a letter you agree with me in this.

Will you let me know at your earliest convenience what in your judgement would be a fair price for the manse and if you have the information at hand, even if only approximate, let me know the cost of the building (manse) alone without reference to church or lot.

Have you any definite information as to the plans of Mr. Thorvilson and the Lutherans since his return from the states? He made quite a glowing claim as to his work in Petersburg in a recent Post Intelligencer which you may have seen. It is to be hoped that in the light of such an optimistic representation there is a foundation of cash asset. I presume that you know that nothing whatever has been paid by the Lutherans on the property which we built.

I hope to be able to return to Alaska soon after Christmas and will be in Petersburg as soon after my return as possible to check up on business matters there.

Hoping to hear from you soon and wishing you and yours a merry Christmas, I remain

Cordially Yours,

Copy

5612 10th Ave.,Seattle,
December 11,1914.

Dr.H.A.Blyth,

Petersburg,Alaska,

My dear Dr.Blyth:

Our Home Mission Board in N.Y. has recently received an offer of Seven Hundred Dollars for the Petersburg manse from Mr Jacob Johnson.

The matter has been referred to me for recommendation and I have suggested that in my judgement the offer is too little and have advised that it be not accepted until we have assurance that it is a fair offer.

You know better than I do the status of real estate in Petersburg and I should much appreciate a word from you as to this. Of course your information will be accepted as confidential and I would appreciate an early reply.

I hope to be able to return to Alaska soon after ~~Chr~~ Christmas and will visit Petersburg as soon as I am able in order to look over matters there.

Cordially Yours,

December 19th, 1914.

Rev. J. S. Condit, D.D.,
5612 - 10th Ave. N. E.,
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Dr. Condit:-

Your note of the 11th instant, in reply to ours with regard to the sale to Mr. Johnson of the Petersburg Bank of the Manse property, is at hand. We note that you do not consider the price offered commensurate with the value of the property, and that you have written to Dr. Blyth and Mr. Duryea relative thereto. Thank you for the action taken, as noted.

The Lutherans have indeed fallen far short of their original proposition as to the whole property. We hope, however, that they will be able, a little later, to take it all over, unless, indeed, Mr. Johnson succeeds in offering a price which we can afford to take.

Awaiting your further word, and wishing you all the joys of the Christmas Season with your little family, I am

Cordially yours,

Treasurer.

O/S